

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A mounting bracket assembly-~~(10)~~ for an elevator system guide rail-~~(12)~~ comprising:

a mount-~~(18)~~ securable within a hoistway; and

first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ securable to each other for establishing a selectively adjustable clamp dimension-~~(32)~~ for securing the guide rail-~~(12)~~, each of said first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ comprises a first segment-~~(28)~~ securable to the guide rail-~~(12)~~ and a second segment securable to said mount-~~(18)~~, wherein each of said first segments-~~(28)~~ include at least one opening-~~(34)~~ and a fastening member received at least partially into the openings-~~(34)~~ to secure the first segments to each other and to place said first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ in a fixed position relative to each other.

23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-~~(10)~~ as recited in claim 22, wherein said first segments-~~(28)~~ each comprise a C-shaped portion, a spacing between said C-shaped portions establishes the clamp dimension-~~(32)~~.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-~~(10)~~ as recited in claim 24, wherein said clamp dimension-~~(32)~~ is selectively adjustable to accommodate the guide rail-~~(12)~~.

26. (CANCELLED)

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-~~(10)~~ as recited in claim 22, wherein each said second segment-~~(30)~~ includes at least one opening-~~(36)~~ and including a securing member-~~(50)~~ at least partially received through said opening-~~(36)~~ to secure said clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ to said mount-~~(18)~~.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-(10) as recited in claim 27, wherein said opening-(36) has at least one dimension that is larger than a portion of said securing member (50) received within said opening-(36) to allow selected movement of said clips-(20A,20B) relative to said mount-(18).

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-(10) as recited in claim 22, wherein said first and second clips-(20A,20B) are mirror images of one another.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-(10) as recited in claim 22, wherein said first and second clips-(20A, 20B) remain substantially perpendicular during vertical movement of the guide rail-(12).

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An elevator system-(11) comprising:
an elevator car-(15);
at least one guide rail-(12) for guiding movement of the car; and
a mounting bracket assembly-(10) for securing said guide rail within a hoistway, said mounting bracket assembly comprising a mount-(18) securable in a fixed position, and first and second overlapping clips-(20A,20B) adjustably secured to each other and to the mount for establishing a selectively adjustable clamping dimension-(32) for securing the guide rail-(12) to the mounting bracket assembly, wherein each of the first and second clips-(20A,20B) includes a first segment-(28) securable to the guide rail-(12), a second segment-(30) securable to said mount (18) and an open portion facing each other establishing a clamp dimension-(32) therebetween, said first segments-(28) including an opening-(34) and a fastening member received at least partially through the openings to clamp said first and second clips-(20A,20B) about the guide rail (12).

32. (CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-(10) as recited in claim 31, wherein said clamp dimension-(32) is adjustable to accommodate the guide rail-(12).

34. (CANCELLED)

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-~~(10)~~ as recited in claim 31, wherein each of said second segments-~~(30)~~ include at least one opening-~~(36)~~ and a securing member at least partially received through said opening to secure said clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ to said mount-~~(18)~~.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly-~~(10)~~ as recited in claim 35, wherein said opening is larger than a portion of said securing member received within said opening to allow selected movement of said clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ relative to said mount.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of installing a guide rail-~~(12)~~ within a hoistway comprising the steps of:

- a) positioning a first clip-~~(20A)~~ and a second clip-~~(20B)~~ about a guide rail-~~(12)~~ by securing the first clip-~~(20A)~~ to the second clip-~~(20B)~~, with at least part of the first and second clips overlapping each other;
- b) moving said first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ to a mounting position;
- c) adjusting a clamp dimension-~~(32)~~ between said first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~;
- d) securing said first and second clips-~~(20A,20B)~~ to a mount-~~(18)~~; and
- e) securing said mount-~~(18)~~ in a fixed position.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 37, comprising aligning the guide rail-~~(12)~~ within the hoistway after the clips are in the mounting position.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 38, comprising sliding the first and second clip-~~(20A,20B)~~ longitudinally along the guide rail-~~(12)~~ to the mounting position.

40. (CANCELLED)

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 37, comprising laterally adjusting said first and second clips ~~(20A,20B)~~ relative to said mount ~~(18)~~ to allow lateral positioning of the guide rail ~~(12)~~.

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 41, comprising aligning said guide rail ~~(12)~~ by moving said first and second clips ~~(20A,20B)~~ relative to said mount ~~(18)~~.

43. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 22, wherein a portion of each of the first and second clips overlap each other when in a fixed position relative to each other.

44. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 43, wherein said second segments overlap each other when the first and second clips are in said fixed position.

45. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 31, wherein said first segments are secured to each other to place said first and second clips in a fixed position relative to each other.

46. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 31, wherein said second segments overlap each other when the first and second clips are in said fixed position.